

# **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 20, 2013**

**The meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Accountancy was called to order by Mary F. Bernard, Chair, at 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island, at 2:55 p.m. In attendance were Board members Mary F. Bernard, David Platt (Present 2:55 p.m. to 3:16 p.m.), Kevin M. Fountain, George O. Tashjian, Kevin P. Tracy, and Board Executive Dawne Broadfield. Robert A. Mancini, Executive Director, Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants (RISCPA), was not in attendance.**

**1. Upon motion by Mr. Tashjian and seconded by Mr. Tracy, it was unanimously VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2013 be accepted and placed on file, copies thereof having been distributed to each member of the Board prior to this meeting. Mr. Fountain abstained since he was not present at the meeting.**

**2. It was noted that NASBA sent the following information as listed on the agenda, which was sent to all members prior to the meeting:**

**a. NASBA International Educations Services (NIES) – RI Proposal – Mr. Fountain will review.**

**b. NASBA – US Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD) Program Implementation – Communication is occurring between NASBA and the State of RI, Division of Information Technology, for implementation.**

**c. NASBA – CPAverify Program Implementation - Communication is occurring between NASBA and the State of RI, Division of Information Technology, for implementation.**

**d. NASBA – Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) “Exposure Draft” Released for Comment containing revisions which are designed to incorporate a change in the definition of “attest” – This is tabled until finalization.**

**e. NASBA Regional Directors’ Focus Questions – Focus Questions were answered and will be sent to the NASBA Regional Northeast Director, Jefferson M. Chickering.**

**3. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) matters:**

**a. AICPA Ethics Codification – The Board is in receipt of the “Exposure Draft” of proposed revisions to the “AICPA Code of Professional Conduct” which is referenced in 247 pages. The Board will not comment at this time and will wait until the “Exposure Draft” is finalized. The Board is still monitoring to see what the change will be.**

**b. There were no items for Mr. Mancini, RISCPA, at this time.**

**4. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB)**

**Review of Notifications Received – PCAOB notified the Board of those Practice Units who have passed inspection. PCAOB will be notified of the Board’s new Executive Director.**

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**5. a. Upon motion by Mr. Fountain and seconded by Mr. Tashjian, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the following initial application(s) for certification and to issue a permit to practice for the period ending June 30, 2014 to:**

**Agnieszka Lucchesi Gina A. Pellicano Yue Zhao**

**b. Upon motion by Mr. Fountain and seconded by Mr. Tracy, it was unanimously VOTED to deny the following initial application(s) for certification and to issue a permit to practice for the period ending June 30, 2014 due to not meeting the one hundred and fifty (150) hour education requirement at the time of the application and not holding a current license to:**

**V. Bessie Lipsanos Papoulidis**

**6. Upon motion by Mr. Fountain and seconded by Mr. Tracy, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the following reinstatement application(s) per full payment of the five hundred (\$500) reinstatement fee and required renewal fee and no late fee shall apply**

for certification and to issue a permit to practice for the period ending as indicated below to:

**Sandra DelTredici (2900) – 06/30/2015 John C. Fogle, III (CA-015851-L) – 06/30/2016**

**Randy Scott Kass (2048) – 06/30/2016 Alan H. Litwin (1269) – 06/30/2016**

**Anthony J. Milia (1705)-Requesting Fee Waiver – 06/30/2016**

**7. Upon motion by Mr. Tracy and seconded by Mr. Tashjian, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the following reinstatement application(s) and \$500 reinstatement fee waiver one time only because the license was issued less than twelve (12) months ago for certification and to issue a permit to practice for the period ending June 30, 2016 to:**

**Brenda Konopelko (3623)-Requesting Fee Waiver**

**8. Upon motion by Mr. Tashjian and seconded by Mr. Tracy, it was unanimously VOTED to approve the following reciprocal application(s) for certification and to issue a permit to practice for the period ending June 30, 2015 to:**

**Stephanie Alecoa Downing**

**9. Old Business: None**

**10. New Business: Novak Francella, LLC – Notification received practicing in Rhode Island by a Licensee from the State of New**

**Jersey, which is a substantial equivalent state. – So noted – not applicable.**

**New CPA designation for Candian CA's. As of July 1, 2013, CA's in Ontario have now formally adopted the designation "Chartered Professional Accountant" and the abbreviation "CPA." – This was tabled to the next meeting.**

**11. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.**

**12. Upon motion by Mr. Tashjian and seconded by Mr. Fountain, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board at 3:38 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kevin M. Fountain, CPA, Esq.  
Secretary**